



Nez Perce County

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Workforce Trends

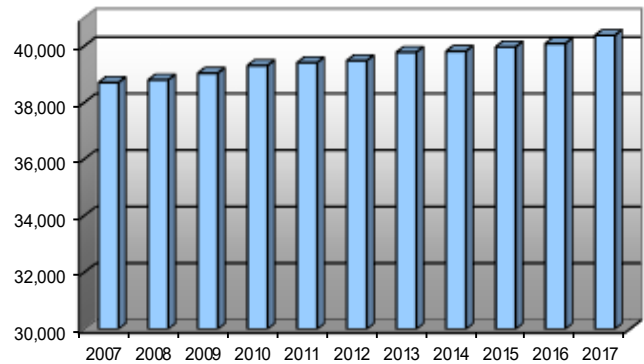
Population

Nez Perce County's population grew 4 percent from 38,720 in 2007 to 40,385 in 2017 while the U.S. population grew 8 percent and Idaho's population grew 14 percent. Slow job growth reduced migration into the county while an aging population reduced births.

Nez Perce is closely tied to Asotin County, Washington. Many Asotin County residents work in Lewiston. Asotin County grew 6 percent from 21,188 in 2007 to 22,535 in 2017.

The Nez Perce County seat, Lewiston, had a 2017 population of 32,820. The population in Lapwai was 1,140, in Culdesac 382, and in Peck 197. Clarkston's population was 7,382.

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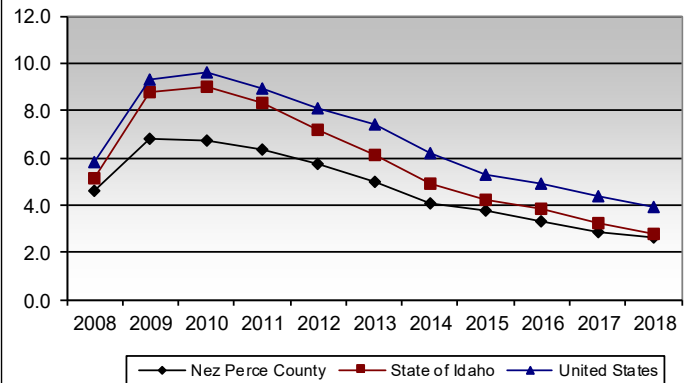


Labor Force & Employment

Nez Perce County is a regional hub for retail, health care, media, government and transportation. Lewiston has the largest airport in north central Idaho. It also is Idaho's only seaport. Barges regularly travel the Snake and Columbia rivers from Lewiston to the ocean. Asotin, Clearwater, Columbia, Idaho and Lewis counties rely on the Lewiston area for goods and services unavailable locally. In addition, many residents of neighboring counties work in the Lewiston area.

Lewiston is home to Lewis-Clark State College, a four-year school also offering professional-technical training programs. Its enrollment hovers around 4,600. Nez Perce County's largest employer is Clearwater Paper Inc., whose 1,300 employees make tissue and paperboard. The Vista Outdoors bullet plants in Lewiston employ 1,200 people. St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center, the heart of Lewiston's bustling

Unemployment Rates



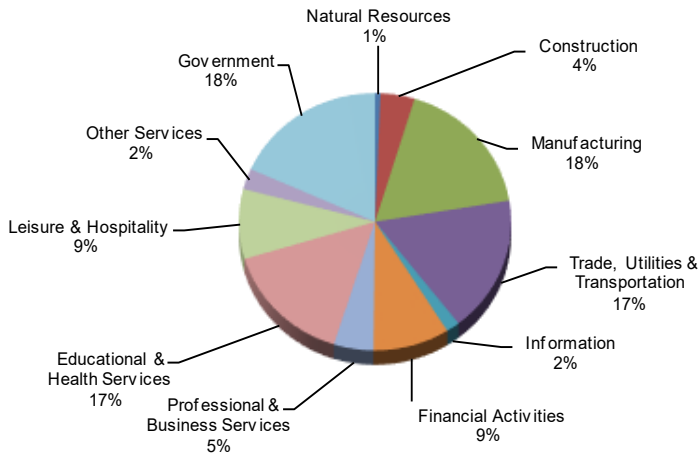
medical community, employs about 1,000 while the Cambria Health (Regence BlueShield) center in Lewiston employs 450 and Lewis-Clark State College employs over 700. The Nez Perce Tribe employs 600 at its Lapwai headquarters and medical clinic and another 250 at its casino resort near Lewiston.

The county has experienced exceptional growth in manufacturing. Big boosts in the last few years include opening and expansion of Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, which employs more than 400. Ammo makers added more than 1,000 jobs after 2010, but then has lost 500 since the 2016 presidential election.

Labor Force	Dec 17	Dec 18
Civilian Labor Force	21,514	22,000
Total Employment	20,955	17,589
Unemployed	559	632
% of Labor Force Unemployed	2.6	2.9
State of Idaho % Unemployed	3.0	2.6
U.S. % Unemployed	4.1	3.9

Labor Force	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Civilian Labor Force	18,560	18,703	20,086	20,083	19,866	20,205	20,339	20,604	20,828	21,264	21,776
Unemployment	854	1,269	1,344	1,278	1,144	1,006	832	774	681	602	570
% of Labor Force Unemployed	4.6	6.8	6.7	6.4	5.8	5.0	4.1	3.8	3.3	2.8	2.6
Employment	17,706	17,435	18,742	18,805	18,722	19,199	19,507	19,831	20,147	20,662	21,206

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2017



Economic Development

Valley Vision is a nonprofit organization fostering the economic development of the Lewis-Clark Valley. Valley Vision concentrates its recruiting efforts on projects that contribute to economic diversification and increased household earnings.

Another major player is the 3,600-member Nez Perce Tribe, headquartered in Lapwai. The tribe also plays a role in development of Clearwater, Idaho and Lewis counties.

Major Employers

City of Lewiston
Clearwater Paper Inc.
Idaho Forest Group
Lewis-Clark State College
Lewiston Independent School District 1
Nez Perce County
Nez Perce Tribe (including casino resort)
Regence BlueShield (insurance)
Schweitzer Engineering (manufacturing)
St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center
Swift Transportation
Vista Outdoor (ammunition manufacturer)

Lewiston ID-WA MSA Occupational Wages*	Entry Wage	Median Wage
Accountants	\$20.61	\$27.93
Team Assemblers**	\$14.10	\$19.84
Bookkeepers	\$12.91	\$18.80
Carpenters, Journey-Level	\$16.17	\$22.05
Cashiers	\$8.21	\$9.97
Computer User Support Specilists	\$12.32	\$18.53
Customer Service Representatives	\$11.32	\$15.89
Dental Assistants	\$16.08	\$17.91
Nursingl Assistants	\$11.51	\$13.34
Janitors	\$9.28	\$12.63
Nurses, Registered	\$22.36	\$30.13
Salespersons, Retail	\$9.29	\$11.73
Secretaries	\$10.66	\$14.51

* Additional occupational wage data can be found on the Idaho Department of Labor website at lmi.idaho.gov.

** North Idaho Wages

Covered Employment & Average Annual Wages Per Job for 2007, 2016 & 2017	2007		2016		2017	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	21,100	\$32,957	21,355	\$39,936	21,443	\$40,788
Agriculture	200	\$46,562	181	\$47,267	176	\$53,303
Mining	112	\$49,807	*	*	*	*
Construction	852	\$37,127	851	\$41,081	867	\$44,507
Manufacturing	2,793	\$44,299	3,946	\$56,837	3,962	\$56,371
Trade, Utilities and Transportation	4,587	\$29,655	3,804	\$34,820	3,806	\$35,749
Information	384	\$27,333	361	\$33,321	360	\$35,032
Financial Activities	1,517	\$35,786	1,231	\$54,727	1,274	\$55,344
Professional and Business Services	1,336	\$47,309	1,001	\$33,186	1,042	\$36,619
Educational and Health Services	3,195	\$31,337	3,547	\$39,426	3,456	\$39,255
Leisure and Hospitality	1,839	\$12,478	1,935	\$14,825	1,965	\$15,417
Other Services	558	\$20,111	562	\$23,610	572	\$24,627
Government	3,726	\$34,030	3,848	\$39,534	3,879	\$41,262

Per Capita Income	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Nez Perce County	\$34,132	\$33,489	\$34,633	\$35,450	\$36,354	\$37,101	\$38,210	\$39,939	\$40,967	\$42,487
State of Idaho	\$32,646	\$31,142	\$31,921	\$33,503	\$35,187	\$36,167	\$37,792	\$39,780	\$40,508	\$41,826
United States	\$40,904	\$39,284	\$40,545	\$42,727	\$44,582	\$44,826	\$47,025	\$48,940	\$49,831	\$51,640

Information provided by Bureau of Economic Analysis